

Monday Aug 11

Dear Francis and Odile

I am now in the Italian Alps in a small village named Canneggio which is located above Sondrio at an elevation of 1600 M. I am staying in a small hotel with a friend of mine from Milan who is temporarily visiting his parents who are also staying here.

I find the mountains very relaxing after my sightseeing and the Biochemical and Phago meetings. The food is good and somewhat plentiful considering that room and board amount to only 1600 L per day. There are two other small hotels in the village largely filled with Milanese. As a whole they are rather decorative, in fact several are very decorative and at intervals I regret that I learned so little Italian during my stay in Napoli. I am thus spending most of my time when not climbing & a intensive study of Hugo's Italian made easy in 3 months. Since I have only a month left in Italy, I must work very hard.

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Fortunately everyone is very helpful, and I am beginning to understand a few things in addition to Quartz Costs.

The mountains themselves are quite magnificent and said to be among the most difficult to climb. So far I have largely taken very short climbs but I hope to be on some glaciers in several days. Considering my degenerate condition in Cambridge, I feel very healthy and do not find a climb of 1000m at all strenuous. I think believe that I shall be in good shape to swim another Cambridge year of Ingboon gossip.

My visit to Austria was quite pleasant as Salzburg is very lovely. Paris I found less enchanting partly because I was doing rapid alternations between my mother and some biochemical friends from the states. As a whole I avoided the Jacobinists very well since I managed not to meet any in addition to some personal friends from the states.

The phys. meeting at Rogeneset was good but crowded. Considering my absence from the work, I would have enjoyed a two week meeting. Very interesting results but no great

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discussions beyond those [ ] learned at Paris in April.

The Abbey itself is very lovely, very much like a Cambridge College and has quite a proper atmosphere for school talk, unlike Paris with its humours distractions. Wolff managed to keep the meeting on a very cultural level by supplying us with organ, violin and piano treatments in the evenings. There was also a garden party at the Baron de Rothschild's house which allowed us to appreciate Robens while eating smoked salmon and drinking champagne to a whole in which I cheered the only non serious note by wearing shorts over my shirt outside on all occasions. Despite my recent haircut most of my friends thought my hair very long and as a practical joke succeeded in putting a large amount of Viscotin perfume (highly!) balsamoline in my hair and this as a Latin, I went to the garden party.

Linus Pauling and his wife visited the Abbey one afternoon and for a short while I talked with them. From Mrs Pauling's "small talk" I gather that Peter has not yet calmed down and so we shall not have <sup>another</sup> quiet youth like Green

in our interests. I recommended to his mother a very  
small sum of money for him to live on and if this way  
may cause a tendency for the puritanical life which I am  
now escaping from.

I have heard a little of Freddie's Caltech visit.  
Apparently he spent most of his time libelling me by saying  
that I have no respect for authority nor the wisdom  
of experience - in fact no respect for Freddie's higher  
qualities however fortunately no one ever takes Freddie  
seriously.

I will stay here till around the 21st when I will  
make a short trip to Vevey to see the Delbrucks before  
they return to the states. I will then probably return  
to the mountains near Locarno to stay with the  
Sphussis' (a French geneticist and his American wife) until  
it is time to go to Palanga. Since I will pass through  
Sion I could look Pepi up but since I know neither  
here (or last time) I will have difficulty. If you  
know her address could you write me C/o Banton

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Via Broggi 23 Milano (until Aug 20th) and  
until Aug 26 in case of J.J. Weigle Dept of Physics  
Genoa (the University of)

I plan to return to Cambridge between the  
10th and 15th of Sept. I will live in Clare in  
the Memorial Court which is very easy to light-climb.  
I hope I can survive the food, if not I shall have  
to take advantage of my returned income to  
occasionally have scientific talks at the Posters  
with Lwoff.

Jim